



# BARNSTABLE

## Barnstable County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Barnstable includes seven villages within its boundaries. Each village has unique and significant cultural and historical qualities. Centerville, located on the south side, is primarily residential, includes the Christian Camp Meeting Association and has a beautiful beach. Osterville is located on the south side, is primarily residential and includes inlets and harbors for fishing and boating. Hyannis is the town's central business/commercial district which includes town offices and several shopping malls. Hyannis is also a fishing village and its harbor provides steamship access to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Islands. Marstons Mills is primarily residential and is located on Route 28. Cotuit is a village located on a peninsula on the south side, is primarily residential and has several small beaches. West Barnstable is located on the north side, is primarily residential and sparsely populated. Barnstable is located on the north side which houses the County Complex and has a working harbor and several small beaches.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, located on the "bicep" of the Cape Cod arm. Bordered by Cape Cod Bay on the north, Nantucket Sound on the south, Sandwich and Mashpee on the west, and Yarmouth on the east. Barnstable is 53 miles east of Fall River, 69 miles southeast of Boston, and 250 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 76.26 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 60.05 sq. miles

**Population:** 40,949

**Density:** 682 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hyannis Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.4°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Hyannis, Cotuit, Sandwich

## Regional Planning Agency

Cape Cod Commission

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Barnstable-Yarmouth



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 790-6200

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Mayor - Council

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1639

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 25,451

Democrats 6,938 27.3 % Republicans 6,131 24.1 % Other parties 12 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 12,370 48.6 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Barnstable Town city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	47,821	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	47,821	100.0
Male.....	22,864	47.8	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	812	1.7
Female.....	24,957	52.2	Mexican.....	105	0.2
Under 5 years.....	2,509	5.2	Puerto Rican.....	257	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	2,994	6.3	Cuban.....	38	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	3,174	6.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	412	0.9
15 to 19 years.....	2,690	5.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	47,009	98.3
20 to 24 years.....	1,832	3.8	White alone.....	43,443	90.8
25 to 34 years.....	4,962	10.4	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	7,847	16.4	Total population.....	47,821	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	7,124	14.9	In households.....	46,617	97.5
55 to 59 years.....	2,736	5.7	Householder.....	19,626	41.0
60 to 64 years.....	2,354	4.9	Spouse.....	10,275	21.5
65 to 74 years.....	5,007	10.5	Child.....	12,400	25.9
75 to 84 years.....	3,486	7.3	Own child under 18 years.....	9,676	20.2
85 years and over.....	1,105	2.3	Other relatives.....	1,720	3.6
Median age (years).....	42.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	522	1.1
18 years and over.....	37,323	78.0	Nonrelatives.....	2,596	5.4
Male.....	17,462	36.5	Unmarried partner.....	927	1.9
Female.....	19,861	41.5	In group quarters.....	1,204	2.5
21 years and over.....	36,094	75.5	Institutionalized population.....	600	1.3
62 years and over.....	11,017	23.0	Noninstitutionalized population.....	604	1.3
65 years and over.....	9,599	20.1	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	4,132	8.6	Total households.....	19,626	100.0
Female.....	5,467	11.4	Family households (families).....	13,005	66.3
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	5,285	26.9
One race.....	46,721	97.7	Married-couple family.....	10,275	52.4
White.....	43,925	91.9	With own children under 18 years.....	3,777	19.2
Black or African American.....	1,309	2.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	2,103	10.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	283	0.6	With own children under 18 years.....	1,234	6.3
Asian.....	387	0.8	Nonfamily households.....	6,621	33.7
Asian Indian.....	81	0.2	Householder living alone.....	5,437	27.7
Chinese.....	101	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	2,453	12.5
Filipino.....	32	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	5,689	29.0
Japanese.....	21	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over ..	6,566	33.5
Korean.....	42	0.1	Average household size.....	2.38	(X)
Vietnamese.....	31	0.1	Average family size.....	2.88	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	79	0.2	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	18	-	Total housing units.....	25,018	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	19,626	78.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	5	-	Vacant housing units.....	5,392	21.6
Samoa.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	8	-	occasional use.....	4,752	19.0
Some other race.....	799	1.7	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.1	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,100	2.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	19,626	100.0
White.....	44,834	93.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	14,954	76.2
Black or African American.....	1,695	3.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	4,672	23.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	516	1.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.43	(X)
Asian.....	507	1.1	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.19	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	37	0.1			
Some other race.....	1,423	3.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 257

Conventional Federal: 68

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 127

Federal (Section 8): 393



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Barnstable is situated on Cape Cod, a 65-mile long sandy peninsula comprising Barnstable County. The Cape has excellent highway, rail, bus and air connections to other parts of New England. Air, bus, and passenger rail service expand during the summer months to accommodate the large numbers of tourists.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 6 and State Routes 6A, 28, 132, and 149.

### Rail

Amtrak provides service to Hyannis from Memorial Day to Labor Day only; leaving Boston on Friday and returning to Boston from Hyannis on Sunday. The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Barnstable. Contact number: (617) 380-3556. The Cape Cod Scenic Railroad runs a seasonal excursion train between Hyannis and the Cape Cod Canal.

### Bus

Barnstable is a member of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), which provides fixed route service between Hyannis and Woods Hole. The Plymouth & Brockton Railway Company provides service to Boston and other locations on Cape Cod. There is limited bus service between Barnstable and Sagamore Circle, Plymouth, Kingston and Rockland.

### Other

Barnstable Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, has two asphalt runways 5,249' and 5,430'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Marston Mills Airport, a privately owned public use facility, has 2 turf runways: 1,675' x 45' and 2,680 x 70. Instrument approaches available: None.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Centerville Historical Society  
513 Main Street  
Centerville  
(508) 775-0331  
Historic Society of Santuit and Cotuit  
1148 Main Street  
Cotuit  
(508) 428-0461  
John F. Kennedy Museum  
397 Main Street  
Hyannis  
Osterville Historical Society  
West Bay Road  
Osterville  
(508) 428-5861  
Donald G. Trayser Memorial Museum  
3353 Main Street  
Barnstable Village  
(617) 362-2092

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Cape Cod Hospital, Inc.

### Long Term Care

Cape Regency Nursing & Rehab. Center

Centerville Nursing Home

Greenery Rehab. & SNC Of Hyannis

Hyannis Convalescent Center

Whitehall Manor Nursing Home

Whitehall Pavilion Nursing Home

### Hospices

Hospice of Cape Cod

### Rest Homes

Fraser Rest Home Of Hyannis

Village Haven Rest Home

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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